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**DECLARATION**

I, HAROLD DEAN SUMMERLIN, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington and of the United States:

I reside at 134 Delean Drive, Longview, Washington 98632.

I have used the following version of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced U.S. utility patent application:

☒ the version set forth in claim 1-4; and/or

☒ the version set forth in claim 5-10 (i.e., the tripod version).

I have hoisted and skinned the following animal carcasses on this invention: deer, elk and bear.

Each time, I was able to hoist the animal carcass with the rear of the animal elevated and the hind legs spread because of the unique design of the invention: namely, because a double-sheaved winch is provided in combination with a left and a right pulley for securing and pulling apart the hind legs by a single cable. I have found that being able to hoist the animal into an inverted position is a valuable feature that aids in skinning and cleaning the animal. Likewise, the spreading apart of the hind legs is a unique and valuable feature that simplifies and speeds the cleaning and skinning of a large animal carcass. I would much rather

use this invention than the Portable Deer Pole of Flachs as described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 4,860,404, which lacks these important features.

Executed this 20 day of June 2005 at Longview,  
Washington.

  
HAROLD DEAN SUMMERLIN